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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GOVERNOR WALLACE TO BERLIN OCT 21-22

1. SUMMARY: GOVERNOR WALLACE'S VISIT TO BERLIN WAS HIGHLY CONCENTRATED EXPOSURE TO THIS DIVIDED CITY. HE WAS VISIBLY IMPRESSED BY WHAT HE SAW AND HEARD HERE. ACTIVITIES WERE SCHEDULED ON OCT 22 ONLY AND INCLUDED, IN CHRON ORDER, MEETING WITH AMB HILLENBRAND, BRIEFING AT US HEADQUARTERS AND DISCUSSION WITH GENERAL MCDONOUGH AND MINISTER GEORGE, LUNCH WITH MAYOR HERMAN OXFORT, BRIEF TOUR OF CITY (INCLUDING STOP AT CHECKPOINT CHARLIE), MEETING WITH MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM ALABAMA, JOINT AFN-TV/RIAS INTERVIEW, MEETING WITH AMB COOPER,
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AND MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PETER LORENZ. END SUMMARY

2. GOVERNOR WALLACE ARRIVED AT TEMPELHOF AIRPORT AT 5:00 PM ABOARD CHARTERED JET FROM BONN. PARTY DEPLANED PROMPTLY UNDER TIGHT SECURITY AND DEPARTED FOR HOTEL KEMPSKI. LARGE CONTINGENT OF MOTORCYCLE POLICE AND POLICE CONTROL AT MAJOR INTERSECTIONS ENABLED CONVOY REACH HOTEL WITHOUT STOPPING, ALTHOUGH HEAVY RUSH-HOUR CONDITIONS PREVAILED. (AT ONE LARGE INTERSECTION, ANGRY MOTORISTS HONKED THEIR HORNS AT DELAY AND GOVERNOR'S PRESS SECRETARY REMARKED TO CONTROL OFFICER THAT GOVERNOR WALLACE WAS PROBABLY SAYING TO HIMSELF "OH LORD, I HOPE THEY DON'T KNOW IS CAUSING THIS.") PARTY WAS SETTLED IN HOTEL PROMPTLY AND NO OTHER ACTIVITIES WERE UNDERTAKEN THAT EVENING.

3. GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL PROGRAM BEGAN AT 10:00 AM ON OCT 22 BY VISIT FROM US AMBASSADOR TO FRG MARTIN J. HILLENBRAND FOR BRIEFING ON GERMAN-US RELATIONS. SHORTLY AFTERWARD, GOVERNOR AND PARTY DEPARTED BY CONVOY OF VEHICLES FOR US HEADQUARTERS. (CAR USED BY GOVERNOR AND BUS FOR GOVERNOR'S PARTY WERE PROVIDED BY BERLIN BRIGADE; USBER PROVIDED TWO CARS FOR SECRET SERVICE, TRUCK AND SECURITY GUARD FOR LUGGAGE, AND OTHER VEHICLES AS REQUIRED FOR TRANSPORT OF MISSION PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR VISIT.)

4. BRIEFING AT US HEADQUARTERS CONSISTED OF USCOB COMMAND BRIEFING (HALF-HOUR HISTORICAL REVIEW OF BERLIN SITUATION) FOLLOWED BY THIRTY MINUTES OF PERSONAL CONVERSATION WITH GENERAL MCDONOUGH AND MINISTER GEORGE ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF US COMMITMENT TO BERLIN. FOLLOWING BRIEFING, GOVERNOR AND PARTY DEPARTED FOR HOTEL GEHRHUS FOR LUNCH AS GUESTS OF MAYOR AND MRS. HERMAN OXFORT. (FYI: CONTROL OFFICER WAS INFORMED LATER IN DAY BY SENAT CHANCELLERY OFFICIAL KUNZE THAT SENAT PROTOCOL OFFICE HAD ORIGINALLY ARRANGED FOR LUNCHEON TO BE GIVEN BY OXFORT IN ANTICIPATION THAT GOVMAYOR SCHUETZ WOULD BE IN HAMBURG ON OCT 22 FOR MINISTER PRESIDENT CONFERENCE. AS IT TURNED OUT, SCHUETZ DID NOT DEPART FOR HAMBURG UNTIL 4:00 PM ON 22ND AND COULD HAVE HOSTED LUNCH. IN FACT, ACCORDING TO KUNZE, SCHUETZ INFORMED PROTOCOL ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OCT 21 THAT HE WANTED TO HOST LUNCH. NO DOUBT FEARING CONSEQUENCES FOR HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH OXFORT, PROTOCOL CHIEF URBAN PERSONALLY PLEADED WITH SCHUETZ TO LET LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS STAND. URBAN ALSO GOT OXFORT TO NOTE DURING HIS SPEECH OF WELCOME HOW MUCH SCHUETZ WANTED TO HOST AFFAIR BUT WAS PREVENTED BY NECESSITY OF BEING IN HAMBURG FOR CONFERENCE. END FYI.) ONLY GERMAN GUEST, APART FROM PRESS, WAS CDU DEPUTY CAUCUS CHAIRMAN SCHMITZ. PROTOCOL

WAS APPARENTLY UNABLE OBTAIN REPRESENTATIVE OF SPD CAUCUS.
OXFORT WELCOMED GOVERNOR'S VISIT AS MANIFESTATION OF TIES
BETWEEN BERLIN AND US; GOVERNOR RESPONDED THAT, LIKE
KENNEDY, HE ALSO FELT THAT HE WAS A BERLINER.

5. WHIRLWIND TOUR OF BERLIN WAS BROKEN BY STOP AT
CHECKPOINT CHARLIE WHERE GOVERNOR DISMOUNTED AND VIEWED
BERLIN WALL FROM OBSERVATION STAND WHERE HE HELD
IMPROMPTU PRESS CONFERENCE. HE NOTED, INTER ALIA, THAT
ANYONE WHO WANTED TO SEE WHAT COMMUNISM WAS REALLY LIKE
SHOULD LOOK AT BERLIN WALL. WALLACE FENDED OFF QUESTIONS
THAT SOUGHT TO PLACE BLAME FOR WALL. TOUR ENDED AT
HARNACK HOUSE, OFFICERS CLUB NEAR US HEADQUARTERS,
WHERE GOVERNOR MET INFORMALLY FOR FEW MINUTES WITH
APPROXIMATELY 40 SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN FROM ALBAMA. HE
TOLD THEM HE KNEW THEY WOULD LIKE TO GO HOME BUT NOTED
NECESSITY FOR THEIR BEING STATIONED IN BERLIN. DURING
SUBSEQUENT 10-MINUTE JOINT AFN-TV/RIAS INTERVIEW WALLACE
REAFFIRMED HIS SUPPORT FOR NATO AND FOR VETERANS BENEFITS.
PARTY THEN RETURNED TO HOTEL KEMPINSKI.

6. US AMBASSADOR TO GDR JOHN SHERMAN COOPER, ACCOMPANIED
BY DCM GROVE, CALLED ON WALLACE AT 4:00 OM TO BRIEF HIM
ON US-GDR RELATIONS. AFTER BRIEF REST, GOVERNOR RECEIVED
HIS LAST VISITOR, PETER LORENZ, PRESIDENT OF BERLIN HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES. WALLACE REMARKED ON LORENZ ABDUCTION
BY TERRORISTS AND PLEDGED HIS SUPPORT TO MAINTAIN SUPPORT
FOR BERLIN. LORENZ ASKED FOR US SUPPORT FOR WEST EUROPEAN
EFFORTS TO KEEP PORTUGAL FROM DICTATORSHIP OF RIGHT OR
LEFT. HE ASSURED GOVERNOR THAT DESPITE CRITICISM FROM
SOME SECTIONS OF BERLIN POPULACE IN PAST OF US POLICIES,
PARTICULARLY AFFECTING SOUTHEAST ASIA, CITIZENS OF CITY
WERE FIRMLY ON SIDE OF US AND WERE RESOLVED KEEP THEIR
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CITY FREE. LORENZ ASKED THAT IN MANY NEGOTIATIONS WHICH
US HAS WITH SOVIET UNION, NOTHING BE DONE THAT WOULD
UNDERMINE VIABILITY OF CITY. WALLACE REPLIED HE WOULD DO
ALL HE COULD TO SUPPORT THIS VIEW, ADDING IT WAS REMARKABLE
HOW US STILL BELIEVED AGREEMENTS WITH SOVIETS WERE OF
VALUE SINCE RUSSIANS HAD REPEATEDLY VIOLATED AGREEMENTS
OF PAST. LORENZ ASKED THAT SOVIETS AND GDR BE PUT
TO TEST OF MEETING OBLIGATIONS OF CSCE AND UN CHARTER
TO PERMIT FREE MOVEMENT OF EAST GERMANS. REFERRING TO HIS
OFT-REPORTED VIEW THAT US HAD FOUGHT ON WRONG SIDE
IN WORLD WAR II, WALLACE SAID THAT HE WAS SAYING
WAS THAT HAD US AND WESTERN DIPLOMACY NOT FAILED AFTER
VERSAILLES, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO HITLER AND NO WORLD
WAR II. LORENZ AGREED.

7. PARTY DEPARTED FOR TEMPELHOF SHORTLY AFTER 6:00 PM
AND AFTER ARRIVAL THERE AT APPROXIMATELY 6:15, QUICILY
WENT ABOARD AIRCRAFT. SECURITY HAD BEEN MADE EVEN
TIGHTER DURING COURSE OF AFTERNOON AS RESULT OF TELEPHONE
CALL RECEIVED BY HOTEL KEMPINSKI SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR AT
2:30 PM IN WHICH UNIDENTIFIED MALE STATED IN GERMAN:
" MR. WALLACE IS STAYING AT YOUR HOTEL; WE ARE GOING TO
KILL HIM. WE ARE THE RED ARMY FACTION." ALTHOUGH IT
APPEARED CALL PROBABLY HAD NOT COME FROM GENUINE TERRORIST
ELEMENTS, SECURITY NEVERTHELESS WAS INTENSIFIED. THERE
WERE NO OTHER INCIDENTS DURING GOVERNOR'S VISIT.
HIS AIRCRAFT DEPARTED FOR PARIS AT 6:25 PM.GEORGE

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